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Speaking With Authority

1. God Gives Authority to His Prophets

God chose prophets to communicate His messages. These include canonical prophets whose writings became part of the Bible, non-canonical biblical prophets, and post-biblical prophets. Though their roles differed, their genuine messages were inspired by God and carried divine authority.

2. Ellen G. White's Writings Point Back to Scripture

Ellen G. White belongs to the post-biblical, non-canonical group. Seventh-day Adventists do not consider her writings an addition to or equal with the Bible. She testified that her messages were not merely her own ideas but "precious rays of light shining from the throne" (*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 29). Her writings consistently direct people to Scripture, expose the reality of sin, and present Jesus as humanity's only hope of salvation.

3. Her Messages Illuminate the Great Controversy

Her writings describe the conflict between good and evil—from Lucifer's rebellion in heaven to the final destruction of Satan, sin, and death. They provide practical insight into biblical end-time principles, including religious liberty, the dangers of uniting church and state, moral decay, God's law, and final events. However, Adventist teachings such as the mark of the beast are established from Scripture, not from her writings.

4. Her Counsel Remains Practical and Relevant

Ellen G. White applied biblical principles to spirituality, health, education, marriage, family relationships, parenting, morality, and Christian living. Although her writings are not part of the biblical canon, God has used her ministry to guide believers preparing for the final events of earth's history. Her messages continue to carry prophetic relevance while always remaining subject to the supreme authority of the Bible.